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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 6, 8 and 9 have been rejected as anticipated by Foster (US 3,017,159). Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the ribs extending continuously from the root edge to the leading edge. The ribs in Foster extend to a trailing edge in order to provide cooling air through the turbine blade.

Claim 8 has been amended to recite "each of the plurality of curved cavities terminating in a first closed end adjacent at least one of the root edge, the tip, the leading edge and the trailing edge." Since the purpose of the cavities in Foster, is to provide cooling air flow through the turbine blade (not a fan blade), the cavities in Foster do not (and could not) terminate in a closed end. Therefore, claim 8 is not anticipated by Foster.

Claims 1-3 are rejected as anticipated by Lee (US 4,514,144). The ribs in Lee do not extend from a root edge to a trailing edge, as recited by claim 1. Therefore, claims 1-3 are not anticipated by Lee.

Claim 7 was indicated as allowable and has been amended into independent form.

New claim 19 is similar to previous claim 1, but clarifies the limitation that what is claimed is a fan blade, not a turbine blade, as disclosed by Lee and Foster. Since Lee and Foster only disclose turbine blades, claim 19 should be allowable.

IDS


The Examiner did not initial or cross out one of the copending applications cited in the previous IDS, as shown on the attached form. It is requested that the Examiner initial this copending application on the IDS.

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